

APPROVED: Meeting No. 34-97

ATTEST: *Paula Jewell*

MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND  
Meeting No. 27A-97

June 10, 1997

The Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland, convened in Worksession in the Council Chamber, Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland, on May 6, 1997, at 7:35 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Rose G. Krasnow

Councilmember Robert E. Dorsey

Councilmember Robert J. Wright

Councilmember Glennon J. Harrison

ABSENT

Councilmember James T. Marrinan (On Travel)

In attendance: City Manager Rick Kuckkahn, City Clerk Paula Jewell and City Attorney Paul Glasgow. Also present were Assistant to the City Manager Thomas E. Thomas, Superintendent of Parks and Facilities John Hayes, and Public Works Director Hal Cranor. Members of the Pump-Around Task Force who were present for the Worksession included: Jim Reschovsky, Carol Reinsberg, Carolyn Browne, Philip Franklin, Phil Perrine, William Meyer, Judy Koester, Sarah Medearis, and Jim Soltesz. Also present representing The Penrose Group, was Attorney Barbara Sears and President Mark Gregg.

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Re: Discussion of the Pump-Around  
Task Force (PATF) Final Report  
dated May 10, 1997.

Mayor Krasnow noted the receipt of a telefaxed letter from Larry Goldstein who raised issues about pump-around Options 2 and 2A.

Mr. Kuckkahn explained why the Task Force was formed and the charge to the Pump-Around Task Force from the Mayor and Council. The Task Force was formed to develop a list of pros and cons for pump-around options for routing additional sewage through the Watts Branch Sewer Shed. The committee's meetings were facilitated by Chris Kneeland and Steve Brayman. Four meetings were held:

- April 12, 1997 - the group offered an explanation of the alternatives and took a first look at the pros and cons of each option;
- April 26, 1997 - the group took a field trip of the routes which were part of the alternatives and they reviewed the environmental report;
- May 5, 1997 - an informational meeting took place; and
- May 10, 1997 - a conclusion of the pros and cons were developed.

The PATF did not vote on or weigh the pros and cons of each option. However, every members' ideas were thoroughly discussed. The following concerns and issues were noted by the PATF:

1. The general representation of the Task Force did not include neighborhoods north of Hurley Avenue, nor was there representation from the Glenora Hills and Carter Hills neighborhoods.
2. Odor caused by gas pockets in the valleys where sewer piping would be located.
3. Visual impacts
4. Proportionality of costs divided between the City, WSSC and the King Farm developer.

The Mayor and Council discussed the Task Force's report in detail. (The Pump-Around Task Force Report, dated May 10, 1997, may be found in the City Clerk's Office). The following issues regarding Option 2A were noted:

- The Mayor and Council would like additional information regarding road Option 2A; although there may be some problems using Key West Avenue and Darnestown Road.
- The Mayor and Council would like information about the two streams that are affected--are these low lying drainage ways?
- What are the constraints facing the City if this route was used?

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Mr. Cranor suggested that the Mayor and Council walk the proposed route, and he offered to take the elected officials, either individually or as a group, on a tour of the route.

Members of the Pump-Around Task Force agreed that City staff were very helpful in providing support for the Task Force. They also felt that the idea to establish the Pump-Around Task Force showed that the Mayor and Council were listening to the concerns of the residents. The Mayor and Council and City Manager expressed their appreciation to the Task Force members for sacrificing their time to work on refining each of the options. Both the Mayor and Council and Task Force members agreed that the process was informative and valuable.

Re: Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m., to convene again in General Session at 7:30 p.m. on June 16, 1997, or at the call of the Mayor.